

the increase in appeals and litigation and for wise fiscal efficiency, an EIS will be prepared for the East Fredericktown Project.

The purpose of this project is to implement land management activities that are consistent with the direction in the Mark Twain Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and to respond to specific needs identified in the project area. The project-specific needs include: emphasizing the management of shortleaf pine in its natural range on sites where it is recognized as a dominant or characteristic member of the natural community and examining opportunities to minimize adverse impacts from insects and disease on forest vegetation. Other needs include wildlife habitat maintenance and improvement, recreation management, examining road system needs, cleanup of illegal dumps, and associated or connected actions.

DATES: An original Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 2003. Comments concerning the proposed land management activities should have been received within 30 days following original publication date. The Forest Service expects to file a Draft EIS with the Environmental Protection Agency and make it available for public comment by December 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: District Ranger, Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District, P.O. Box 188, Potosi, Missouri 63664. E-mail should be sent to: comments-eastern-mark-twain-potosi@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom McGuire, Project Leader/Integrated Resource Analyst, Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District, P.O. Box 188, Potosi, Missouri 63664, phone (573) 438-5427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a revised Notice of Intent for the prior notice promulgated in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 68, No. 82, pp. 22672-22673, on April 29, 2003. The scope of the project has not changed; therefore, this revised Notice of Intent does not initiate a second scoping period for this proposal. The Notice of Intent is being revised because the Draft EIS has been delayed more than six months. The original release date was expected to be September 2003; the new expected release date is December 2004, and the Final EIS is expected to be released in March 2005.

Estimated Dates for Filing

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and available for public review

in December 2004. A 45-day comment period will follow publication of a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. Comments received on the draft EIS will be analyzed and considered in preparation of a final EIS, expected in March 2005. A Record of Decision (ROD) will also be issued at that time along with the publication of a Notice of Availability of the final EIS and ROD in the **Federal Register**.

Reviewers Obligation To Comment

The Forest Service believes it is important at this early stage to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal in such a way that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 513 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986), and *Wisconsin Heritages Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis., 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period of the draft EIS in order that substantive comments and objections are available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for this environmental impact statement is Ronnie Raum, Forest Supervisor, Mark Twain National Forest.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

Katherine W. Stuart,

District Ranger, Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Catron County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Catron County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Reserve, New Mexico, on April 13, 2004, at 10 a.m. m.s.t. The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate submitted projects and select projects for recommendation to be funded under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (PL 106-393), also called the "Payments to State Act."

DATES: The meeting will be held April 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Catron County Courtroom of the Catron County Court House, 101 Main Street, Reserve, New Mexico, 87830. Send written comments to Michael Gardner, Catron County Resource Advisory Committee, c/o Forest Service, USDA, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico 88061-7863 or electronically to mgardner01@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Gardner, Rural Community Assistant Staff, Gila National Forest, (505) 388-8212, or Janet Porter, Catron County RAC Chairperson, at (505) 533-6384 or ctreasur@gilanet.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members unless provided for on the agenda. However, persons who wish to bring PL 106-393 related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee Staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals may address the committee at times provided on the agenda in the morning and afternoon. To be considered at the April 13, 2004, RAC meeting, the project proposals must be submitted to Michael Gardner or Janet Porter, Catron County RAC Chairperson, by April 6, 2004, to enable distribution to all RAC members. Send written comments to Michael Gardner at Forest Service, USDA, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, New Mexico 88061-7863, or to Janet Porter at P.O. Box 407, Reserve, NM 87830.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

Marcia R. Andre,

Forest Supervisor, Gila National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 1944, subpart L, Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 24, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Stouder, Deputy Director, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0782, Room 1245, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0782, Telephone: 202-720-9728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR Part 1944, subpart L, Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure.

OMB Number: 0575-0046.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The regulation promulgates the procedures by which tenants, cooperative members, and applicants for occupancy may appeal adverse actions by owner/managers of multi-family housing projects financed by RHS. Such adverse actions include cases whereby tenants, cooperative members, or applicants have received written notice that assistance provided by RHS is being denied, substantially reduced or terminated.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average .41 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, state or local governments, small businesses or other for profit or non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 82 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Population Survey, June 2004 Fertility Supplement.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0610.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change.

Burden: 250 hours.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 seconds.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this request for review is to obtain the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for the Current Population Survey (CPS) June 2004 Fertility Supplement. This supplement continues the fertility data series that has been asked periodically since 1971. This supplement is sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The fertility questions will be asked of females 15-44 years of age. The June 2004 Fertility Supplement, like the June 2002 Fertility Supplement, differs from 1998 and 1995 June supplements because it only includes fertility items. The 1998 supplement contained fertility and birth expectations items. The 1995 supplement contained fertility and marital history items.

The data collected from this supplement are used primarily by government and private analysts to project future population growth, to analyze childbearing patterns, and to assist policymakers in making decisions that are affected by changes in family size and composition. Past studies have documented profound changes to historical patterns that have occurred in fertility rates, family structures, premarital births, and the timing of the first birth. The CPS characteristics, such as family income, household relationships, and part- or full-time work status, when matched with fertility data, can produce estimates of potential needs families may have for governmental assistance: for example, aid to families with dependent children, child care, and maternal health care for single-parent households. The fertility data also assist researchers and analysts who explore such important issues as premarital childbearing and postponement of childbirth because of educational or occupational responsibilities and goals.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202)482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed